

MINUTES

JOINT MEETING OF STATE REVIEW BOARD AND THE BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

September 10, 2003

Valentine-Richmond History Center
1015 E. Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

State Review Board

Members Present

Warren R. Hofstra, Chairman
Barbara Heath
Carl R. Lounsbury
Wendy L. Price
R. Madison Spencer

Members Absent

Ann Field Alexander
Evelyn D. Chandler

Board of Historic Resources

Members Present

Carter F. McNeely, Chairperson
M. Karen Berkness
Patrick Butler
Rachel O'Dwyer Flynn
Addison B. Thompson

Members Absent

True F. Luck
Ivor Massey, Jr.

DHR Staff Present

Kathleen Kilpatrick, Director
Ann Andrus
Scott Arnold
Robert Carter
David Edwards
Joanna Evans
Bryan Green

Calder Loth
Michael Pulice
Catherine Slusser
Sean Smith
Marc Wagner
Paige Weiss

State Review Board

Chairman Warren R. Hofstra called the State Review Board meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. in the conference room of the Valentine-Richmond History Center in Richmond, Virginia on Wednesday, September 10, 2003 and welcomed everyone in attendance. Chairman Hofstra stated that this was his first meeting as chairman of the board. He explained the purposes and duties of the State Review Board and asked members to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Ms. Wendy L. Price, seconded by Mr. Carl R. Lounsbury, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Old Business

Mr. Marc Wagner of the Department of Historic Resources presented the revisions to the by-laws of the State Review Board explaining that the revisions were received in March 2003 and included changes to the number of members and meeting days. On the motion of Mr. Carl R. Lounsbury, seconded by Ms. Wendy L. Price, the by-law changes were approved as presented.

Board of Historic Resources

Chairperson Carter F. McNeely called the Board of Historic Resources meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. She explained the role and duties of the board and asked members to introduce themselves to the audience.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Dr. Patrick H. Butler, seconded by Ms. Rachel O'Dwyer Flynn, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Director's Report

Director Kathleen Kilpatrick of the Department of Historic Resources welcomed everyone in attendance. After welcoming two new board members to the Board of Historic Resources, Ms. Rachel O'Dwyer Flynn of Lynchburg who is the Director of the Department of Community Planning and Development in Lynchburg and Mr. Ivor Massey, Jr. who is a businessman from Richmond, she introduced Mr. William J. Martin, Director of the Valentine-Richmond History Center. Mr. Martin welcomed everyone to the museum, briefly described the mission and the collections of the museum noting that the name of the museum will soon to be changed to the Richmond History Center.

Director Kilpatrick noted that three new employees had joined the DHR staff: Ms. Joanna Wilson, Project Review; Ms. Ariel Lambert, Archives Assistant; and Ms. Jean McCray, Tax Credit Program Assistant.

Director Kilpatrick highlighted DHR's activities this past quarter.

- ♦ The department is partnering with the Virginia Historical Society to open an exhibit in 2004 commemorating the Civil Rights Movement in Virginia on the 50th anniversary of the Brown vs. the Board of Education (1954). She praised State Review Board member Mrs. Evelyn D. Chandler for her efforts regarding this exhibit.
- ♦ The department is working with the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, and the Maryland Historical Trust to research and document sites visited by Captain John Smith as a prelude to developing a recreational water trail and related educational, recreation, and preservation activities.
- ♦ Archaeological excavations are also planned for Werocomoco, site of Chief Powhatan's principal village during the years when Jamestown was first settled. This project will be an important focus providing the Native American parallel to the Jamestown celebration in 2007. The Native American community is included in both the Werocomoco and John Smith Water Trail project.
- ♦ DHR is heavily involved in renovations being planned for the Capitol and Capitol Square in Richmond. An architect has been chosen to restore the Capitol, and we are working with DGS on fund raising and planning a visitors' center to improve both logistics and the interpretation of Capitol Square. Good stewardship of public buildings is important to the mission of DHR.
- ♦ Congress recently voted to continue the requirement that a portion of federal transportation funds to states go to enhancement projects. While these are only a small portion of overall transportation funds, they have a huge positive impact for local preservation efforts. The state historical highway marker program is entirely funded using transportation enhancement grants and through private sponsorship of individual markers.
- ♦ The Natural Resources Funding Commission which grew out of the Governor's Environmental leadership Summit last spring and which is chaired by the Secretary of Natural Resources has been meeting over the summer to find non-general funds for land conservation and water quality programs. They will finalize their report and recommendations to the Governor on September 15.
- ♦ The Preservation of Alliance of Virginia (PAV) is having their annual conference in Norfolk on September 21-23, 2003. Director Kilpatrick encouraged everyone to participate stating that the Alliance is making the case for preservation solutions for the twenty-first century.
- ♦ APVA will mark a milestone on September 11, 2003 as they break ground to build an expanded curation facility to house the artifacts from the Jamestown Fort excavations and those of the National Park Service's excavations elsewhere on Jamestown Island..

Catherine Slusser, Resource Information Division Director, presented the Work Plan for the Department of Historic Resources for 2003-2004. She gave an overview of the strategic goals and projects for the coming year and asked board members to review the plan and to return comments to her within the next month. Director Kilpatrick stated that all programs are closely connected which requires a lot of flexibility and creativity in staffing.

Chairman Hofstra praised the work and accomplishments of the Department of Historic Resources and its staff. Board of Historic Resources member Thompson also added praises for the accomplishments of the department and thanked Ms. Slusser for her diligent efforts on the work plan. Board of Historic Resources member Butler stated that the achievements of the department have been remarkable, especially considering the reduction of staff.

Approval of Draft Work Plan

On the motion of Mr. Carl R. Lounsbury, seconded by Ms. Barbara Heath, the State Review Board agreed to support the DHR's Work Plan.

On the motion of Dr. Patrick Butler, seconded by Mr. Addison B. Thompson, the Board of Historic Resources agreed to support the Work Plan presented by DHR.

JOINT SESSION

Chairman Hofstra presented the list of nominations for the consent agenda. He explained that if a member of the board or audience wished to speak to a particular issue regarding a nomination, those documents would be discussed at the end of each regional office's presentations. Nominations pulled from the list for comments and discussion included:

Moses Hepburn Row Houses, Alexandria, Virginia Multiple Property Document; Millboro School, Bath County; Pilgrim's Rest (Boundary Increase), Prince William County; Silverbrook United Methodist Church, Fairfax County; Derby Historic District, Wise County; Stonega Historic District, Wise County; and West End Historic District, City of Suffolk.

Approval of Consent Agenda

On the motion of Mr. Carl R. Lounsbury, seconded by Ms. Wendy L. Price, the State Review Board approved the consent agenda.

On the motion of Ms. Rachel O'Dwyer Flynn, seconded by Dr. Patrick Butler, the Board of Historic Resources approved the consent agenda.

Regional office staff presented the following National Register nominations:

WINCHESTER REGIONDavid Edwards

African American Resources of Alexandria, Virginia Multiple Property Document:

Beulah Baptist Church was recommended as meeting Criterion A with the areas of significance being Ethnic Heritage: Black and Education.

Dr. Albert Johnson House was recommended as meeting Criteria A and B with the area of significance being Ethnic Heritage: Black.

Alfred Street Baptist Church was recommended as meeting Criterion A with the areas of significance being Ethnic Heritage: Black and Education.

Moses Hepburn Rowhouses (*removed for discussion*) was recommended as meeting Criteria A and B with the area of significance being Ethnic Heritage: Black.

Odd Fellows Hall was recommended as meeting Criterion A with the area of significance being Ethnic Heritage: Black.

Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church was recommended as meeting Criterion A with the areas of significance being Ethnic Heritage: Black and Education.

George Lewis Seaton House was recommended as meeting Criteria A, B, and D with the areas of significance being Ethnic Heritage: Black and Archaeology: Historic Non-Aboriginal.

Fair Mount, City of Winchester was recommended as meeting Criterion C in the area of architectural significance.

The Hollow, Fauquier County was recommended as meeting Criteria B and C with the areas of significance being Politics/Government, Invention, and Architecture.

Millboro School, Bath County (*removed for discussion*) was recommended as meeting Criteria A and C in the areas Education and Architecture. The board requested additional information for Criterion A for Education.

Pilgrim's Rest (Boundary Increase), Prince William County (*removed for discussion*) was recommended as meeting National Register Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance and Criteria Considerations B and E (being moved from its original location and reconstructed.)

Silverbrook United Methodist Church, Fairfax County (*removed for discussion*) was recommended as meeting Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

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Derby Historic District, Wise County (*removed for discussion*) was recommended as meeting Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Industry and Architecture.

North Danville Historic District, City of Danville was recommended as meeting Criteria C in the area of architectural significance.

Stonega Historic District, Wise County (*removed for discussion*) was recommended as meeting Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being in the areas of Industry and Architecture.

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Fine Creek Mills Historic District, Powhatan County was recommended as meeting Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Industry, Commerce/Trade, Transportation, and Architecture.

Mason-Tillet House, Brunswick County was recommended as meeting Criteria A and C in the areas of Religion and Architectural significance.

Recoleta, City of Charlottesville was recommended as meeting Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

PORTSMOUTH REGIONPaige Weiss

Cessford, Northampton County was recommended as meeting Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Social History, Military, Architecture, and Landscape Architecture.

Monumental Methodist Church, City of Portsmouth was recommended as meeting Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Religion, Social History, and Architecture.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Essex County was recommended as meeting Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Westmoreland County was recommended as meeting Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

Vincent House, Southampton County was recommended as meeting Criteria B and C with the areas of significance being Exploration/Settlement, Social History, and Architecture.

West End Historic District, City of Suffolk (*removed for discussion*) was recommended as meeting Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Community Planning and Development and Architecture.

Nominations Held for Discussion

Moses Hepburn Rowhouses, African American Resources of Alexandria, Virginia Multiple Property Document – Board of Historic Resources member Dr. Patrick Butler requested further discussion of this nomination relating to an unnotarized objection letter from the owner of one of four properties in the district. No other objections had been received. Following discussion and on the motion of Mr. Carl R. Lounsbury, seconded by Ms. Wendy L. Price, the State Review Board approved the nomination of Moses Hepburn Rowhouses to the registers. On the motion of Dr. Patrick Butler, seconded by Ms. M. Karen Berkness, the Board of Historic Resources approved the nomination of Moses Hepburn Rowhouses to the registers.

Millboro School, Bath County – State Review Board Chairman Warren R. Hofstra requested that a stronger argument be provided to make the case for education under Criterion A. On the motion of Ms. Barbara Heath, seconded by Mr. R. Madison Spencer, the State Review Board approved the nomination of Millboro School with the condition that Criterion A in the area of educational significance be expanded. On the motion of Ms. Rachel

O'Dwyer Flynn, seconded by Dr. Patrick Butler, the Board of Historic Resources approved the nomination of Millboro School with the condition that Criterion A in the area of educational significance be expanded.

Silverbrook United Methodist Church, Fairfax County – State Review Board member Ms. Wendy L. Price recused herself from voting for the nomination of Silverbrook United Methodist Church to the registers because the author of the nomination was one of her former students at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg and removed herself from the room. On the motion of Mr. Carl R. Lounsbury, seconded by Ms. Barbara Heath, the State Review Board approved the nomination of Silverbrook United Methodist Church to the registers. On the motion of Mr. Addison B. Thompson, seconded by Ms. M. Karen Berkness, the Board of Historic Resources approved the nomination of Silverbrook United Methodist Church to the registers.

Pilgrim's Rest (Boundary Increase), Prince William County – Mr. Bryan Green of the DHR staff presented the nomination to the Joint Board. The expansion included adding a granary to Pilgrim's Rest. The building had been removed from a nearby threatened site and would be reconstructed on the nominated property. Mr. Green explained that Pilgrim's Rest is already listed on the register and DHR holds an easement on it. The granary is compatible with the property in materials and scale and is consistent with the architecture of western Prince William County. It would be added as a contributing resource to the present nomination. On the motion of Mr. Carl R. Lounsbury, seconded by Ms. Wendy L. Price, the State Review Board approved the nomination of Pilgrim's Rest (Boundary Increase) to the registers. On the motion of Dr. Patrick Butler, seconded by Ms. M. Karen Berkness, the Board of Historic Resources approved the nomination of Pilgrim's Rest (Boundary Increase) to the registers.

Derby Historic District and Stonega Historic District, Wise County – State Review Board Chairman Warren R. Hofstra stated that representatives of two area mining companies had raised concerns about whether registration of the two proposed districts would affect future mining operations in the immediate area. Director Kathleen Kilpatrick and Dr. Robert Carter of DHR stated that they had written to and met with representatives of the two proposed districts and the concerns were resolved. On the motion of Mr. Carl R. Lounsbury, seconded by Ms. Wendy L. Price, the State Review Board approved the nominations of Derby Historic District and Stonega Historic District to the registers. On the motion of Mr. Tadd B. Thompson, seconded by Dr. Patrick Butler, the Board of Historic Resources approved the nominations of Derby Historic District and Stonega Historic District to the registers.

West End Historic District, City of Suffolk – Board of Historic Resources member Mr. Addison B. Thompson noted that two letters had been received in August expressing confusion of the boundary drawn for the district and some nearby residents wanted to be included in the district. DHR staff member Ms. Paige Weiss pointed out that she had communicated with the interested parties and explained that the boundaries for the district are based on the historic boundaries of the original subdivision. The buildings they wanted registered would be more appropriately included in a possible district nomination for the adjoining neighborhood. She also noted the City of Suffolk is a Certified Local Government, that the local government had been involved in the project, and public meetings had been held. The property owners who wrote those letters appear to be pleased with her response and indicated a strong interest in a second district nomination. On the motion of Ms. Barbara Heath, seconded by Mr. R. Madison Spencer, the State Review Board approved the nomination of West End Historic District to the registers. On the motion of Ms. M. Karen Berkness, seconded by Mr. Addison B. Thompson, the Board of Historic Resources approved the nomination of West End Historic District to the registers.

DHR staff member Mr. Marc Wagner presented five light houses to be placed on the Virginia Landmarks Register which had already been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Cape Henry Light (Newer), City of Virginia Beach was nominated under Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Maritime History, Transportation, and Architecture.

Newport News Middle Ground Light, City of Newport News was nominated under Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Maritime History, Transportation, and Architecture.

Smith Point Light, Northumberland County was nominated under Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Maritime History, Transportation, and Architecture.

Thimble Shoal Light, City of Hampton was nominated under Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Maritime History, Transportation, and Architecture.

Wolf Trap Light, Mathews County was nominated under Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Maritime History, Transportation, and Architecture.

On the motion of Mr. Addison B. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Rachel O'Dwyer Flynn, the Board of Historic Resources approved the placement of the light houses listed above to the Virginia Landmarks Register.

Virginia Landmarks Register certificates were presented to the representatives of the properties who were in attendance.

Joint Session Adjourns

The Joint Session adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Members gathered for lunch and afterward were given a tour of special collections of the Valentine-Richmond History Center.

After lunch, the Historic Resources Board reconvened at 2:15 p.m. for reports of the Highway Marker and Easement Program. Members present were: Chairperson Mrs. Carter F. McNeely, Dr. Patrick Butler, Ms. Rachel O'Dwyer Flynn, Mr. Addison B. Thompson. DHR staff members present included: Director Kathleen Kilpatrick, Mr. Scott Arnold, Mr. Calder Loth, Mr. Sean Smith, and Mrs. Joanna J. Evans. The State Review Board met in a nearby room to review Preliminary Information applications for this quarter. Members present were: Chairman Warren Hofstra, Mr. Bryan Green, Ms. Barbara Heath, Mr. Carl R. Lounsbury, Ms. Wendy L. Price, and Mr. R. Madison Spencer. DHR staff members present included:

Historic Resources Board

Highway MarkersScott Arnold

SPONSOR MARKERS

- Alfred Street Baptist Church, City of Alexandria
- Col. Vincent W. "Squeek" Burnett, Campbell County
- Earlysville Union Church, Albemarle County
- First Baptist Church, Manakin, Goochland County
- Forest Hill Park, City of Richmond
- John Miller House, City of Richmond
- Samuel Pleasant Parsons House, City of Richmond
- Revolutionary War Muster Ground, Washington County

REPLACEMENT MARKER PROGRAM (TEA-21)

- Battle of Groveton (Brawner Farm), C-26, Prince William County
- Concord Depot, K-152, Campbell County
- Early English Exploration, S-76, City of Petersburg
- Isle of Wight County/Surry County, Z-242, Isle of Wight County
- Nottoway River Crossings, UM-16, Sussex County
- Rock Fight, C-33, Prince William County
- Sussex County/Southampton County, Z-31, Sussex County
- Wrenn's Mill, K-240-b, Isle of Wight County

On the motion of Mr. Addison B. Thompson, seconded by Dr. Patrick Butler, all highway markers in each category were approved by the Board of Historic Resources.

EasementsCalder Loth

Easements Accepted Since the June 2003 Board Meeting

- 522 South Pine Street, Oregon Hill Historic District, City of Richmond

Easement Offers to Consider

- Annfield, Clarke County
- Monumental Church, City Richmond
- Buffalo Forge, Rockbridge County
- Cobble Hill, City of Staunton
- Jacob House, Oregon Hill Historic District, City of Richmond
- Smith House, Oregon Hill Historic District, City of Richmond
- Old Turner Place, Henry County
- Dan River Crossing Apartments, Danville Tobacco and Residential Historic District, City of Danville
- Janney-Coates House, Waterford Historic District, Loudoun County

On the motion of Mr. Addison B. Thompson, seconded by Dr. Patrick Butler, the Board of Historic Resources voted to accept the offers of the above easement donations.

- Heritage Building, 1001 E. Main Street, City of Richmond

On the motion of Dr. Patrick Butler, seconded by Mr. Addison B. Thompson, the Board of Historic Resources voted not to accept the offer of the above easement donation based on the loss of historical integrity of the building.

Proposed Easement Amendment

- Fall Hill, City of Fredericksburg

On the motion of Ms. Rachel O'Dwyer Flynn, seconded by Dr. Patrick Butler, the Board of Historic Resources approved the above proposed easement amendment.

- Vowell-Snowden-Black House, City of Alexandria

On the motion of Mr. Addison B. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Rachel O'Dwyer Flynn, permission was given to subdivide the property retaining the easement on each parcel.

Approval to Accept Co-Grantee Status

- Greenway Court, Clarke County

On the motion of Dr. Patrick Butler, seconded by Ms. Rachel O’Dwyer Flynn, the Board of Historic Resources approved the above proposed easement for BHR co-grantee status.

The Board of Historic Resources meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

STATE REVIEW BOARD

Preliminary Information Submissions

WINCHESTER REGIONDavid Edwards

- Boxwood Hill, Rappahannock County** recommended eligible under Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.
- Chestnut Hill, Town of Orange, Orange County** recommended eligible under Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.
- Cerro Gordo, Prince William County** recommended eligible under Criteria A, C, and D with the areas of significance being Military, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Archaeology.
- Crooked Run Valley Rural Historic District, Fauquier County** recommended eligible under Criteria A, C, and D with the areas of significance being Commerce, Agriculture, Military, Transportation, Architecture, and Archaeology.
- Ellwood (Lacy House), Spotsylvania County** recommended eligible under Criteria A, C, and D with the areas of significance being Military, Architecture, and Archaeology.
- Janney Hill, Loudoun County** recommended eligible under Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.
- Millbank, King George County** recommended eligible under Criterion C and D in the area of Architectural and Archaeological significance.
- Old Forge Farm, Frederick County** recommended eligible under Criteria A, B, C, and D with the areas of significance being Industry, Architecture, and Archaeology.
- Redwell-Isabella Furnace Historic District, Page County** recommended eligible under Criteria A, C, and D with the areas of significance being Industry, Architecture, Engineering, and Archaeology.
- Round Hill Historic District, Town of Round Hill, Loudoun County** recommended eligible under Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Commerce, Transportation, and Architecture.
- Washington Baptist Church and Masonic Lodge, Rappahannock County** recommended eligible under Criteria A and C in the area of Social History and Architectural significance.

ROANOKE REGIONMichael Pulice

- Dr. Virgil Cox House, City of Galax** recommended eligible under Criteria A, B, and C with the areas of significance being Health/Medicine and Architecture.
- Jessee’s Mill, Russell County** recommended eligible under Criteria A, C, and D with the areas of significance being Industry, Engineering, Architecture, and Archaeology.

CAPITAL REGIONAnn Andrus

- Hotel Crewe, Town of Crewe, Nottoway County** recommended eligible under Criteria A and C in the area of Commerce, Transportation, and Architectural significance.
- Oak Lawn, Amherst County** recommended eligible under Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.
- Scott’s Addition Historic District, City of Richmond** recommended eligible under Criteria A and C in the areas of Commerce and Architectural significance.

Speed the Plough Farm, Amherst County recommended eligible under Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

Walton House, Louisa County recommended eligible under Criteria A and C in the area of Industry and Architectural significance.

PORTSMOUTH REGIONPaige Weiss

- Matthew Whaley School, City of Williamsburg** recommended eligible under Criteria A, B, and C with the area of significance being Education and Architecture.

On the motion of Ms. Barbara Heath, seconded by Mr. Carl R. Lounsbury, the State Review Board encouraged the owners of the above properties to conduct the necessary research and to complete final nominations.

Discussion

Lilliston-Melson-Milliner House, Accomack County – The State Review Board concurred with staff opinion that, based on the information submitted, there did not appear to be sufficient integrity, architectural or historic significance to consider the Lilliston-Melson-Milliner House individually eligible to either state or national registers. They encouraged the owner to work with the Portsmouth office to investigate the possibility of a small historic district.

Buckland Mill/Headrace, Prince William County – The State Review Board concurred with staff opinion that the Buckland Mill Headrace was not eligible by itself but could be considered part of a larger nomination with the entire mill or could be a contributing property if the adjacent Buckland Historic District boundary were expanded.

The State Review Board meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.